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NEWS OF THE MORNING.

In New York yesterday Government bonds were quoted at 123% for 45 of 1907; 113% for 45s; sterling, \$1 80 1/2; 102% for 38; silver bars, 10%.

Silver in London, 17 5/16; consols, 100 5/16; 5 per cent. United States bonds, extended, 105; 4s, 122 1/2; 10s, 115%.

The Comstocks were firmer and the Bodie market in the San Francisco mining share market yesterday. Hale & Northern closing at \$3 85 3/8, Savage \$1 80, Ophir \$1 10, Gould & Curry 40 cents, Best & Biddle \$1 25. Mono closed at \$5 75 and Bodie at \$1 25.

Shelly's team sawmill, in Scott valley, Siskiyou, has been destroyed by fire.

P. French was drowned in Butte creek, Butte county, Wednesdays.

The closing of stores is a question agitating the Stocktonians.

Emma L. Bosworth, aged 27, died in Grass Valley, Wednesday night, after an illness of a few hours.

A small boat broke loose on the Sacramento at Butte City, Wednesday, and at last accounts had not been heard from.

The Butte County Teachers' Institute closed at Chico yesterday.

A man is on trial in Brooklyn, N. Y., for having poisoned two wives.

It is reported in London that an armistice has been agreed upon between Serbia and Bulgaria.

The German Reichstag opened in Berlin yesterday.

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THE RAILROAD TAX MONEY.

The letter of Colonel Creed Haymond, attorney for the railroad companies, and which we published yesterday, will strike the unbiased mind as forcible and convincing regarding the matters treated. It strips from a pretended devotion to State interests a flimsy pretense, when he offers to the Attorney-General to receive back the tax money the latter holds—and which the Controller refuses entry into the State Treasury—and thus leave the whole railroad tax question in abeyance. The offer testifies to honesty of purpose, and the sincerity of the defendant railroad companies in the issue. No question has been so much beguiled by political demagogues as this. It was a safe and wise policy to leave to time and the sober thought and judgment of the people the discovery of the truth. They now fully realize it, and if any estimate is to be made at this time of their judgment in the matter, it must be that they condemn the policy pursued, which prevents the covering of the tax money into the Treasury. Mr. Haymond, an evidence of good faith, points out that prior to the adoption of the new Constitution the companies paid over a fair sum for taxes in cases where it had been judicially determined that they were not bound to pay. With the adoption of the new Constitution arose issues regarding the taxation of the roads which had been foreseen by some of the best minds in the State when the instrument was under discussion. Litigation followed, but it will be recalled that in none of it did the corporations referred to ever manifest a desire to escape their just share of the burdens of maintaining the government. It was constantly kept to the "fors" that they desired only an adjudication of those issues upon which, as was their right, they had appealed to the Courts of the land, and insisted upon judicial guarantees of rights they claimed in common with other taxpayers. Against double taxation, and deprivations without opportunity to be heard, it was their right to protest and carry that protest into the Courts. No just man ever wished the railroad companies to pay more than their just due, or to be deprived of any guaranteed right under the laws of the land. But there was, and is a class—now happily exceeding small—that deemed it justifiable to "cinch" the railroad corporations, looking upon them as outside the common pale of procedure, and objects to be punished by the infliction of unusual and heavy burdens. Mr. Haymond recalls the historical fact, that at all times and on all occasions his clients asserted their readiness to pay whatever should be adjudged their due by the established tribunals of their country. On a challenge of their fairness and honest intent, they came forward, and as fully as they were permitted to do, paid the face of the claim made for taxes, expressly stipulating that no right of the State to recover more should be deemed waived. More recently the companies tendered greater sums to the State than they admitted to be fair and just. It is difficult to see what else could be demanded or expected of these corporations. The immediate occasion for Col. Haymond's letter appears to have been the unworthy intimation, in some quarters, that by the part payment into Court to the Attorney-General, some advantage

has been gained that is fatal to the State's case against the companies. That this last remnant of pitiful disguise on the part of those who have been posing before the people as their saviors from "deceiving corporations," he now offers to the Attorney-General to receive back the money, nearly a million of dollars, which he has so long held, and which might all this time have been serving the companies some good purpose by its legitimate increase. He thus offers to place the whole matter as if there never had been any payment and no stipulation whatever preserving all the rights of the State, and which served the railroad companies only to the extent of enabling them to have the disputed questions speedily and fully adjudicated.

AN ABSUED ACTION.

The San Francisco Bulletin makes a good deal of sport of Governor Stoneman because of his dispatch to the Sheriff of Santa Cruz. Of course it was ill-advised. But it probably came from the better side of the Governor's nature and a disposition to courteously treat the communication of a representative of the British Government. Careful to the last detail in the fact, the only known firm here who make California green fruit a specialty has a small warehouse on Vesey-street pier. Their fruits come almost entirely from Washington, Portland, Chicago, and elsewhere, in barrels, grapes, and Broadway fruit stores. The dealers say they have a monopoly of California fruit in this city, though his telegram was no more than to request his attention to Stanley's appeal. But the appeal of the British Consul was absurd, and was entitled to a sharp reply from the Executive, to whom it had not been made to appear that the law could not be enforced in Santa Cruz county according to usual methods, or that local officers were not doing their duty. If every foreigner who entertains a fear that some one will assail him is to be permitted to appeal to the State for protection, the Executive will have his hands full. It will form the subject for any amount of "giving" of the Governor, and since it was unnecessary for him to have addressed the Sheriff, he must stand the criticism.

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FROM FAR AND NEAR.

EASTERN VIEWS OF THE CALIFORNIA FRUIT UNION.

Suicide of a Physician—New York Republicans—McCullough's Disease—General Affairs.

[SPECIAL DISPATCHES TO THE RECORD-UNION.]

DOMESTIC NEWS.

What is Thought of the California Fruit Union in the East.

New York, November 19th.—The report from San Francisco to the organization of the California fruit-growers have been much discussed in the fruit trade here. At the recently-organized Foreign Fruit Exchange, the Secretary told your correspondent that the fruit-growers of the West had been receiving asking the extent of the California organization, its plans for the growing season etc. Prominent foreign dealers, who were present, and conversed, admitted the importance of the proposed organization, though claiming the superiority of foreign grapes and oranges as native, besides greater cheapness. Careful to the last detail in the fact, the only known firm here who make California green fruit a specialty has a small warehouse on Vesey-street pier. Their fruits come almost entirely from Washington, Portland, Chicago, and elsewhere, in barrels, grapes, and Broadway fruit stores. The dealers say they have a monopoly of California fruit in this city, though his telegram was no more than to request his attention to Stanley's appeal.

Albert Merritt of the Merrit Fruit Company, said: "I have been expecting this movement by the California fruit-growers, and am sorry to see that the East. Chicago commission men have got the best of it, while inferior fruit has been sent east to New York. I made an experiment with California oranges this season, and found the fruit delicious, with tender pips and few seeds—superior to the St. Lucie oranges, California fruit, however, is not so good as the Florida fruit. The fruit is apt to spoil quickly, and will be of no value in the East. Chicago commission men have got the best of it, while inferior fruit has been sent east to New York. I made an experiment with California oranges this season, and found the fruit delicious, with tender pips and few seeds—superior to the St. Lucie oranges, California fruit, however, is not so good as the Florida fruit. The fruit is apt to spoil quickly, and will be of no value in the East. 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